

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 6 and 7 and replace the original sheets including Figs.6 and 7.

Figs 6 and 7 have been labeled as "Prior Art."

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheets (2 pages)

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are pending for further examination.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that original claim 4 recites allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features of claim 4 (now canceled).

Accordingly, and in view of the remarks at page 6, paragraph 9 of the Office action, applicant submits that claim 1 should be allowable.

Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8-9 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and, therefore, should be allowable at least for the same reasons. The dependent claims should be allowable for the additional features they recite as well. For example, new claim 9 recites that the all-pass filter is arranged to maintain a conductance of the first conductance amplifier substantially constant.

This feature also is based on original claim 4 and was included among the features mentioned in the allowable subject matter in paragraph 9 of the Office action.

Claim 7 recites an information reproducing apparatus that includes, among other things, a waveform equalizer according to claim 1. Therefore, claim 7 should be allowed as well.

FIGS. 6 and 7 have been labeled as "Prior Art" as required by the Examiner.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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